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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another summer is coming to a close. We had a good year with just two or three days over 100° and no big fires close by. Hopefully things will continue that way.

I hope everyone has been having a good hunting season. About 20 people went to Spencer for opal. Quite a bit of good material was found. We will have two field trips for September, plus a great sale at Jim and Belle Witt's, and a table at the Gem Faire.

The sale at the Witt's is Sept. 14 and 15, from 8 am to 6 pm. The address is 11252 W. Chapin St. in Boise. Go south on Five Mile Rd. until it ends at the hill, then turn right on Chapin St. The house is on the right side of the road. It will be worth your time to visit. There is an amazing amount of material and equipment for sale.

The first field trip will be to Carey, ID, for agate on Sept. 21 and 22. It will be another overnight trip. There are Dept. of the Interior camp sites close to the reservoir, but it is dry camping. Then there will be a field trip to Beacon Hill on Sept. 28-29. The meeting place will be at the Ontario Rest Stop just over the Idaho/Oregon border at 8:00 am, leaving at 8:30 am.

The Gem Faire is an event we have participated in for the last couple of years. It is a great opportunity to promote our club and show some of the skills you can learn by joining us. You will find details on page 11. Come out and join us for some or all of these fun activities!

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Robinson,

President

MEETING AGENDA

Call Meeting to Order
Introduce Guests
Door Prizes and Building Fund Raffle
Business Meeting
Program

The deadline for issues is the Friday after each Board Meeting for the current month's edition. To submit article please send them through email to Dana Robinson, Editor

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**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm by 1st Vice President Willa Renken.

Ed Moser gave the invocation and everyone indulged in the great food.

New members and guests were welcomed and introduced themselves.

Rick Corbett drew 9 junior and 9 adult door prize winners. Building Fund raffle had 11 winners drawn.

Business Meeting:

Willa asked for any corrections to the minutes of last month's meeting as printed in the Grindings. Sandy made a motion to accept the minutes as printed which was seconded by Howard. Members voted, motion passed.

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: No report

Treasurer Report by Rochelle Eytchison: No report

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: No report

Refreshment Committee Report by Rick Corbett: Thanks to those members who volunteered and provided refreshments and door prizes for the August picnic. Volunteers are needed to help bring door prizes and snacks for the September meeting. He has a sign-up sheet.

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: The field trip for August is going to be to Spencer, ID, for opal. The dig is from 9am-5pm and is \$20 per person. Bring your own tools. If there are 15 people they will make us our own pile, with advance notice.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: The Kid's day workshop was last Saturday. Regularly scheduled Thursday after meeting workshop will be open from 6pm to 8:45pm and on Aug 31 from 10-2. The ROLE program was explained as Recognition of Lapidary Excellence and it's focus is learning and instructing.

Old Business:

Deana is chair for Banquet Committee. Sandy Blodgett and Gene and Alice Stewart volunteered to help on the committee.

October is when Dues and Due and Project of the Year is coming up in December for adults and juniors.

A volunteer is still needed to take on the office of Treasurer for our club. Please contact Dana Robinson if you are interested.

New Business: A retiring couple, Fern and Paul Bachman, are selling material. Call 208-794-4305 for more information.

Darrell Blatchley asked for donations of rocks and other supplies to be sent to Davao, Phillipines. He can be reached at 208-550-4261.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm for the Auction. Don Dorman also set up and panned gold with several members after the auction.

Respectfully submitted, Christina Anderton, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

Dana Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Present: Dana Robinson, Deana Ashton, Ed Moser, Willa Renken, Rick Corbett, Sandy Blodgett, Brent Stewart, Rochelle Eytchison, Cheryl Peterson, and Christina Anderton

Guests: Deanna Moser and Judy Blodgett

Absent: Cullen Anderson

Dana asked for any corrections to the minutes of last meeting as printed in the Grindings. Willa Renken made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Deana Ashton. Board members voted, motion passed.

Secretary Report by Christina Anderton: No report.

Treasurer Report by Rochelle Eytchison: Rochelle reported that she has not done the deposit quite yet so auction proceeds and Thunder Egg proceeds will be deposited soon. The August auction collected \$294 toward the yearly banquet. The contracts for next year's show have been printed and sent out to vendors. No new treasurer quite yet, but we are working toward that.

Federation Report by Linda Barlow: Linda reported on the upcoming NFMS meeting in Lewiston, hosted by the Hells Canyon Gem Club. Details and full report on page 6. The 2020 NFMS meeting will be in Ogden, UT. She also reminded us of the deadline for the Rockhound of the Year submission. The Idaho Recreation Council is having a meeting on Sept. 5, 2019. A report will be submitted for the newsletter.

Program Report by Deana Ashton: September program will be presented by Phil Neuhoff. He is bringing gem bags for purchase that will then be sifted and washed to recover the gems and have them identified. It is a great hands-on program.

Juniors Report: No report

Field Trip Report by Cullen Anderson: The trip for this month will be to Carey, ID for agate. Sandy offered to help Cullen since he is not familiar with the area. There is a Dept. of the Interior campground by the reservoir. Then an extra field trip to Beacon Hill is planned for the 28th and 29th. Same meeting times and place as last trip.

Workshop Report by Brent Stewart: Sept. 19th regular workshop from 6pm – 8:45pm and Sept. 28th from 10am – 2pm. There will be a wire wrapping class with Marge Conley on Sept. 18th from 6:30-8:45. Additional classes will be on October 24th and November 14th, same times.

Wheels have been sent in for refurbishing. Should buy new metal wheels for all machines.

ROLE Report: September 16th will be the R.O.L.E workshop from 6pm - 8:45 pm.

Scholarship Report: None

Old Business:

Deana reported that Sandy Blodgett and Alice & Gene Stewart will be helping on the banquet committee.

Willa will be going to the Plush sunstone claim to check what activity has been occurring through the summer.

New Business:

Deana has been contacted by club members about trash on our claims. We may need to set up work parties for claim clean-up. We should all be doing clean-up as we visit areas.

Dana appointed Cheryl Peterson as the Nominating Committee chair for the upcoming board member elections. Rick will help out and she will find one more member for the committee.

Deana brought the application for the Gem Faire coming up Sept 27-29. They charge us \$1 for a demonstration table at the event. She will have volunteer sign-up sheets at the general meeting. Also coming up is the Gourd Society event in October. More details to come.

Linda made a suggestion that we have two meetings each month in addition to the board meeting. The first would be business and the second only for fun activities.

Two new applications were submitted. Ed made a motion to accept both and Sandy seconded. The motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Christina Anderton, Secretary

SPECIAL SALE!

Jim and Belle Witt have decided to have a yard/rock sale this September. They have graciously decided to open it up to club members for two days, Sept. 14 and 15.

There will be quite a few pieces of equipment available, including genies, polishers, trim saws, sphere machines and more. They are also selling green obsidian, geodes, and buckets with mixed media.

The quality of their material is always very good, and they are willing to negotiate on price, within reason, of course. Sales tax will also be charged as some of the material is associated with their mining business.

Sept. 14-15, 8 am to 6 pm
11252 W. Chapin St., Boise
208-890-8035 for questions

2ND VICE PRESIDENT NOTES**by Deana Ashton**

Greetings! Thank you for helping with the community events and fairs IGC has participated in this summer. It takes volunteers who commit time to work these fairs and booths. Even if you are a new member, join us and learn as you go! Our mission as a club is to bring interest to others regarding rocks, gems, minerals and fossils, and to educate in the lapidary arts, which is the art of making jewelry from collected stones. Our worksop and the R.O.L.E.(Recognition of Lapidary Excellence) program are for this purpose. Attend a workshop and learn more! Family event! Creating opportunities for building strong family connections, earth science and lapidary education, and preservation of our lands and resources in our Gem State are the whole heart of my efforts with this club. When I see grandparents and children out in a hole digging for rocks together it brings joy to my heart and I feel rewarded for doing my part to make this happen.

This August picnic we had a guest named Darrell Blatchley speak. Darrell is a Minister and Director of Family Circus Ministry International. He operates under a big top, making sure children have an enjoyable time in a fun environment. One of the ways he teaches others is through lapidary, the art of working with rocks and creating stone jewelry out of cabochons. He shows how a dirty rock can have such a beautiful unique center once it is shined and worked. Humans can have a rough exterior, but be gem like inside. Darrell is gathering equipment, supplies, clothes, personal goods and ROCKS to ship to Davao, Phillipines, where he has developed a strong ministry. He asks members for any donations of rocks or slabs and is excited to share USA treasures overseas. Call Darrell at 208-550-4261 for more information.

Thank you, President Don Dorman of Idaho Gold Prospectors Assn., for bringing gold panning equipment to our picnic and following workshop. Don didn't arrive until during the auction, but he set up panning stations for several members. He also set up and instructed folks at the workshop, as well. I appreciate your effort in getting to the meeting from the gold filled hills up north. Don has an open invitation to IGC members to visit the Grimes Creek area Miss Lucy gold claim through October. It is located off Grimes Creek Rd. about an hour and a half North of Boise off Hwy 21. Don can be reached at 208-921-3787 for scheduling a trip.

PROGRAM IDEAS? IGC 2nd VP is responsible for bringing interesting programs to our general meetings. Any suggestions contact Deana Ashton 208-794-5628

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM**ROCK FLAT MINERALS
GEM ORE MINING!!**

Phil & Christine Neuhoff have built a small family mining business. Phil is a past IGC President and Geology Professor and works in the mining industry. Rock Flat Minerals has assembled gem ore bags that allow you to "mine" at home!

The precious gems inside these bags come from all over the world. Sapphires, aventurine, garnet, tourmaline, emerald, topaz, ruby and jade are just the basic contents. The bags can be sifted dry and then rinsed in water to expose the beautiful gemstones. We will draw some lucky winners and show the process for our general meeting program. There will be one especially lucky winner of a \$50.00 10,000 carat bag.

As a geologist and educator, Phil is passionate about developing interest in earth science and gems and minerals. The Neuhoff's are generous donors year round to our club. We enjoyed their participation at Nyssa Thunderegg Days doing this Gem Mining Process and wish to share it with you.

They have several size bags available for purchase: 500 carats in a \$5.00 bag, 2300 carats in a \$15.00 bag, or The Biggie Bag with 10,000 carats for \$50.00!!

SUNSHINE LADY REPORT

The Sunshine Lady is the person to contact with news regarding our members celebrations, anniversaries, illnesses, happy events and sad, such as notices of members passing on and funeral or celebration of life arrangements. Sunshine Lady Contact Deana Ashton at 208-794-5628, text or call. Thank you for keeping me updated so we can show support.

IGC CALENDAR

- Sept. 16: ROLE Workshop Day – 10am-2pm
- Sept. 17: General Meeting – 7:30pm
- Sept. 18: Wire Wrapping Class – 6:30pm-8:45pm
- Sept. 19: Workshop – 6pm-8:45pm
- Sept. 21-22: Field Trip – Overnighter
- Sept. 28: Workshop – 10am-2pm
- Sept. 28-29: Field Trip - Beacon Hill
- Oct. 1: Board Meeting – 7pm



**IDAHO GEM CLUB
MEMBER FIELD TRIPS**

2019 FIELD TRIPS

- DATE/AREA (nearby town), MATERIAL
- 3/23 - Queenstone (Marsing, ID), jasper
 - 4/20- Bruneau Wood Pile (Bruneau, ID), petrified wood
 - 5/25 - Graveyard Point (Homedale, ID), agate
 - 6/8 - Beacon Hill (Weiser, ID), agate/jasper nodules
 - 6/22 - Snakeskin Agate (Rome, OR), agate
 - 7/20 - Texas Springs (Jackpot, NV), petrified wood
 - 8/24 - Spencer Opal Mine (Spencer, ID), opal
 - 9/21 - Big/Little Wood River (Carey, ID), various**
 - 9/28-29 - Beacon Hill (Weiser, ID), agate/jasper nodules
 - 10/19 - Grassy Mountain (Vale, OR), petrified wood

Possible alternate/additional trips:
Glass Butte and Hampton Butte (central Oregon),
obsidian and petrified wood.

- FIELD TRIP SUPPLIES**
- Rock Hammer
 - Chisel, Pick, Pry Bar
 - Shovels
 - Buckets or Collecting Sacks
 - Screening Box
 - Map or GPS
 - Good boots or hiking shoes
 - Rain Coat (Dress in Layers for Cooler Mornings)
 - Lunch/Dinner/Snack Foods /Camping supplies
 - Water
 - Sunscreen and a Hat
 - Knee Pads
 - Gloves
 - Safety Glasses
 - First Aid Kit

If you have questions, please ask Cullen and he will find out the answer for you from the experienced members leading/joining the trips.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- WEDNESDAY after General Meeting; Wire Wrapping class with Marge Conley;
Sept. 18, 6:30 pm-8:45 pm
 - THURSDAY after General Meeting (3rd Thursday);
Sept. 19, 6 pm-8:45 pm
 - SATURDAY (the next weekend after the field trip);
Sept. 28, 10 am-2 pm
- ADDRESS: 2620 W. Idaho St., Boise, ID
Next door to Stewart’s Gem Shop
- \$5 Donation requested for each visit (kids free)



REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE

CONTACT RICK CORBETT
at 208-890-2599

Rick will have monthly sign-up sheets
RESPONSIBILITIES include: Come 1/2 hour early to set up meeting hall. Remain after meeting to clean up. Provide: Door Prizes, Beverages & Cookies/Snacks.

- DOOR PRIZES include:
One small wrapped item (cab, slab, other)
10 PRIZES FOR YOUTH
10 PRIZES FOR ADULT
BEVERAGES include: juice, punch, tea, other
COOKIES/SNACKS include: cookies, bars, breads, veggies

THANKS TO
AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

KID'S WORKSHOP

By Brent Stewart



At the last Kid's Workshop nine juniors created necklaces with polished stones, tried making cabachons and cracking coconuts.



FEDERATION DIRECTOR REPORT AUGUST 2019

By **Linda Barlow, IGC Federation Director**

NFMS:

1. Annual Meeting: Friday, October 18, 2019, 4 pm at the Little Red Barn, Fairgrounds, Lewiston.
Host: Hells Canyon Gem Club
Registration: Forms in July/Aug and Sept/Oct NFMS Newsletters
Deadlines: Show hotel rates: 9-16-19 (Red Lion Hotel)
Registration: 10-1-19
Meal Reservation: 10-1-19
Competitive Displays: 10-1-19
Non-Competitive Displays: 10-12-19
Admission: \$3/day or \$8/3-day pass, free admission with display case
Fri., 10-18-19 Annual Meeting @ 4 pm: no cost
Sat., 10-19-19 Editor's Breakfast @ 8 am: \$14
Officer Lunch @ 12 noon: \$14
Social Hour @ 6:30 pm: no host
Awards Banquet/Buffer @ 7 pm: \$40
Sun., 10-20-19 Jr. Cracker Barrel
Speaker at Banquet, Editor's Breakfast and Cracker Barrel: Darrell Powell, AKA Diamond Dan
2. 2020 Annual Meeting: Ogden, Utah, on Easter Weekend, April 10, 11, and 12, 2020.
3. Beth Heesacker, 2nd VP, talked about Volunteer Vision. My suggestion: Volunteer Opportunities Handout or put in Grindings.
4. Deadline for AFMS Video submissions: 12-1-19. Websites for AFMS and NFMS or contact Darrell Watkins directly.
5. Secretary Judy Allison discussed Communication as key to strong clubs and federation. She encouraged clubs to send their Federation Director and Delegate to NFMS Annual Meeting for club to have their voice heard by voting and receive federation news.
6. Historian pictures of stones found on trip to Alaska.
7. Nominations for NFMS Officers for 2019-2020:
President: Ken Zahn, Montana
1st VP: Beth Heesacker, Oregon
2nd VP: Larry Hulstrom, Washington
Secretary: Judi Allison, Oregon

ALAA (American Lands Access Association):

42 burros have been shot dead in the Deserts of the Southwest (a 60 mile stretch of Interstate 15 between Los Angeles and Las Vegas). \$18,000 reward to find who's responsible. Anyone with information contact: WeTip hotline at 800-782-7463 or <http://www.wetip.com>.

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR STAMPS
TO THE GENERAL MEETING
TO HELP FIGHT CANCER.
MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO
HAVE CONTRIBUTED.

**Two links
for additional newsletters we
receive as members of the rock club.**

NFMS – Newsletter available at:
<http://northwestfederation.org>
AFMS – Newsletter available at:
<http://amfed.org/news/default.htm>

See the NFMS on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>
(for the desktop/laptop/tablets)
<https://m.facebook.com/groups/NFMS1>



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www.idahogemclub.com

IDAHO RECREATION COUNCIL

By Linda Barlow

IRC and its affiliates (including Idaho Gem Club) responds to revisions to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations and related processes. Recreational Rockhounding was included as activities requiring motorized access to Forest Service land as a result of the work your Federation Director is doing by being a member of the IRC. The response included items to preserve responsible motorized access to Forest Service land as an extremely high priority.

1. Efficiency is a priority for the agency, but not to undercut the analysis of roads and trails potentially for decommissioning.
2. The changes and additions to Categorical Exclusions should not be used to decommission and remove roads and trails unless there is exceptional reason supported by adequate analysis and public input.
3. If a site or structure on a site is to be decommissioned, a stricter analysis should be conducted and public comment should be incorporated.
4. Recreationists are volunteer trail managers that help to clear debris and maintain trails.
5. If a trail or road is the cause of sufficient ecosystem damage, sufficient steps should be taken to relocate the road or trail rather than decommission and close the trail or road.
6. The closing or decommissioning of trails and roads under a CE should be the call strictly between the agency and timber harvesting group. This excludes users who may benefit from a road or trail because they are not part of the group that is harvesting the timber in the area.
7. Weight and consideration of the economic analysis should be an integral part of determining the preferred action alternative.
8. IRC supports a cooperative approach to action determination through interdisciplinary preparation that includes local communities.
9. Public land should be made available to the public and at the very least the public should have the ability to participate in the process if a drastic change will occur.

Sept. 5, 2019, the Federation Director will attend a public meeting. It is a required meeting during the preparation state of the USDA Forest Service Sinker Creek-Boise Ridge Forest Health Project. This includes substantially reducing the miles of new temporary road construction and better describing the Riparian Conservation Area (RCA) delineation process and clarifying no treatments proposed for RCA.

Report for the USDA FS meeting regarding the

Slinker Creek-Boise Ridge Forest Health Project: It is a 10 year plan with no permanent road/trail closures planned. It will make 7 temporary roads to access the project areas skirting private owned land. This 10 year plan is divided into yearly plans with closures and re-opening each section after completion. On completion of each section, there will be new trails for public access skirting private lands and our forests will be healthier for prevention of wildfires!

AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION (ALAA)

By Linda Barlow

As your volunteer Federation Director, I am charged with the responsibility of informing you of Idaho, NFMS, and AFMS public land access information. This includes possible loss via closures for any reason to recreational rockhounding sites. I have included information regarding fires (around the state and Northwest areas) of possible rock hunting sites for your safety.

I realize this summer has been exceptionally high amount of correspondence regarding our local, state, and federal government dealings. I have tried to keep the information to a minimum. As I was on vacation for 3 months traveling to a different site most every day, I was careful when sending information to be sure I had a secure website to prevent hacking of your and my computer. Secure websites were not always available so the correspondence piled up: Therefore, you received several emails at a time. This can be cumbersome to the receiver and the sender.

To those of you who have decided to block my correspondence, I am sorry you have made a choice to lose out on timely NFMS and AFMS information in the coming months. You are welcome to talk to me individually or any Board Member about your problems with this form of correspondence and volunteer for this position. We who volunteer have a commitment to Recreational Rockhounding and public access sites remaining open to future generations. Commitment to your club is harder than joining another club. It is easier to give responsibility for the functioning of the club to others. Taking action or working with others takes more commitment. Volunteerism is a way to learn how to experience life. May you understand it as you grow.

IGC YESTERYEAR

By Deana Ashton

Star garnet brings national attention to state, gem shop

BY DANA OLAND

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Stewart's Gem Shop is one of Boise's hidden treasures. You'll find it tucked away on Idaho Street near 27th in a funky off-North End residential neighborhood where it has been since 1956.

The shop is filled with everything from large polished stones, including jasper, and petrified wood, geodes with sparkling purple crystals, finely crafted jewelry with precious stones and a plethora of gemstones such as sparkling Idaho opals and rich red garnets.

But the prize for the shop's owner Eugene Stewart is the Idaho star garnet. The gem has been a Stewart family enterprise since 1951, when Eugene's father, Dudley, first found the silky garnet on a trip looking for clear garnets. It had been overlooked by miners and hobby lapidaries in the past. He started introducing it at gem shows and it has grown in popularity ever since.

When Eugene took over the business in the 1970s, he started marketing star garnets successfully on a national level.

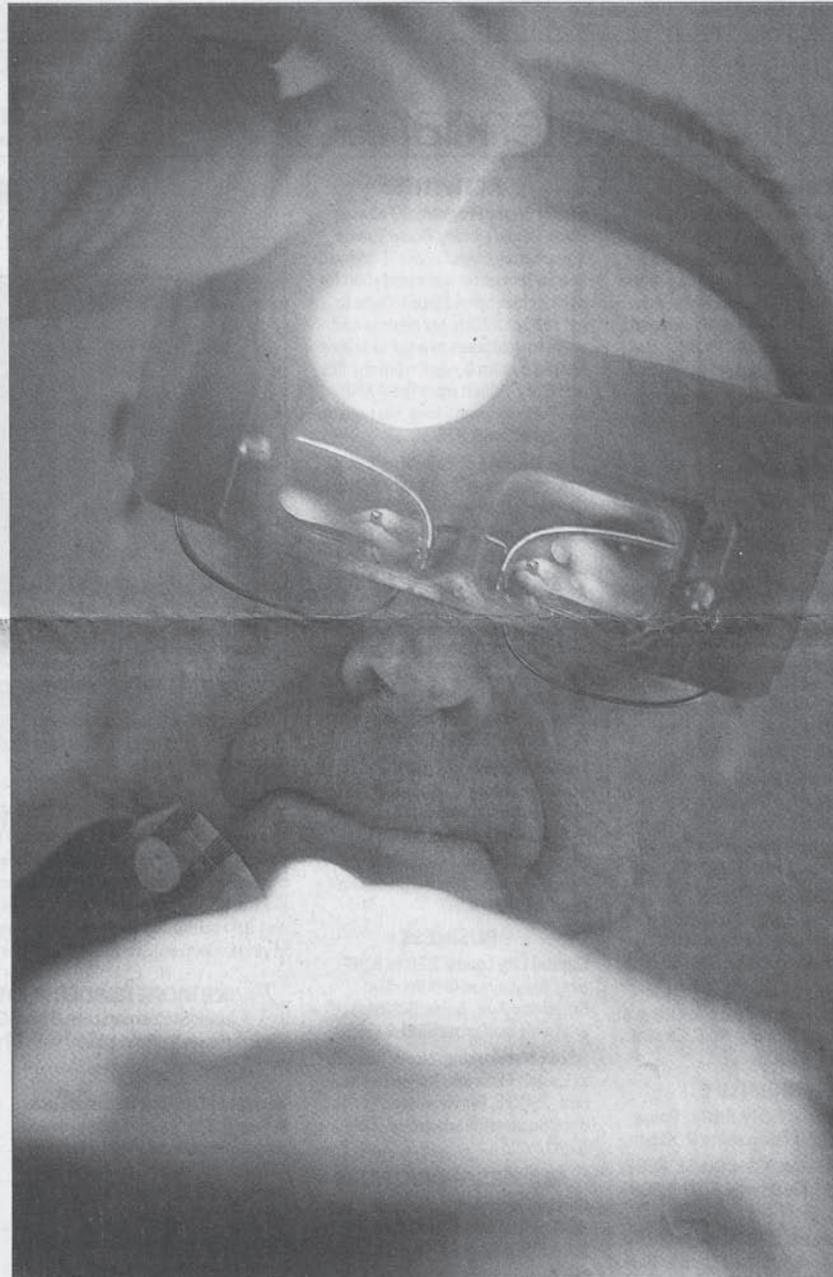
The stone and Stewart's shop will be featured Wednesday on the Travel Channel's "Best Places to Find Cash and Treasure." The show's crew and host Kirsten Gum dropped by Stewart's shop last summer after digging and sluicing for garnets along Emerald Creek in northern Idaho.

Here are five cool things to know about Idaho star garnets:

➤ **No. 1:** The stone ranges in color from red violet to deep purple, with a silky luminous surface highlighted by a bright silvery star.

➤ **No. 2:** Idaho designated

See **FAST FIVE, LIFE 3**



CHRIS BUTLER / cbutler@idahostatesman.com

Eugene Stewart uses a small flashlight to look at a star garnet at his Boise shop. Stewart and the gem will be featured Wednesday on the Travel Channel's "Cash and Treasures." His father, Dudley Stewart, first popularized the gem in 1951.

WHAT

"The Best Places to Find Cash and Treasures"

WHEN

8 p.m.
Wednesday

WHERE

Travel Channel

THE SHOP

Stewart's Gem Shop, 2620 Idaho St., Boise. 342-1151.
Hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Mondays-Saturdays. Closed Sundays.



WATCH A VIDEO OF EUGENE STEWART CUTTING AN IDAHO STAR GARNET

Idaho Statesman.com
Find information about the U. S. Forest Service's garnet area.

It is time for the Scholarship to be awarded for the 2019-2020 year. This shows the general instructions for eligibility and applying for the scholarship. Please visit www.idahogemclub.com for the complete application. It is downloadable in either Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF formats.

Application

Earth Science Scholarship Awarded by the Idaho Gem Club, Inc.

Description: The Idaho Gem Club, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit organization devoted to promoting “the interests of its members in mineralogy, geology, gemology, the art of lapidary and kindred arts and sciences” is offering a \$500 scholarship for to help defray the educational costs for a local undergraduate Earth science student (see eligibility criteria below).

Eligibility: Applicants must be a full time, undergraduate student majoring or minoring in Earth science (including geology, geophysics, and earth science education) at a two- or four year college or university in the Treasure Valley region of Idaho during the 2019-2020 school year. Although not required, preference may be given to Idaho residents.

Terms of acceptance: The funds provided through this scholarship are to be used solely for the purpose of meeting the costs of undergraduate education, including tuition, books or materials, or field camp fees. Awardees are requested to visit a general meeting of the Idaho Gem Club, Inc. to give a short 15-20 minute presentation on an Earth science topic of general interest to our members.

Instructions: Please fill out in full the two page application form on the following pages. Note that as part of the application, a 1-2 page essay is required in addition to the information requested in the application. Applicants must have their application endorsed (via signature) by an Earth science faculty member at the institution they are attending during the 2017-2018 academic year. Completed applications should be **received by October 30, 2019** either by email (pneuhoff@yahoo.com) or at the following address:

**Scholarship Chairperson
Idaho Gem Club Inc.
P.O. Box 8443
Boise, Idaho 83707- 8443**



SPECIAL EVENTS

GET INVOLVED! We encourage ALL members to volunteer at community events where we hand out club brochures and talk about club field trips, workshop, programs and talk rocks! We encourage new members to sign up! Volunteers make the club work properly!

THIS IS YOUR CLUB!

Volunteering is an opportunity to share your ideas, gain new friends, have fun and learn more about Idaho and geology. We look forward to getting to know you better!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PROMOTE IDAHO GEM CLUB AT THESE EVENTS!

SIGN UP SHEETS AT MEETING!



GEMFAIRE SHOW! SEPT 27, 28, 29, 2019

Fine jewelry, crystals, gemstones, millions of beads, minerals, gold/silver, fossils, and more at manufacturers prices. Take advantage of buying direct from importers & wholesalers from around the world. Hourly door prizes. Jewelry repair & cleaning while you shop.

We need volunteers to hand out club flyers and take applications, promote joining our club. We will have a Genie demonstration that will need experienced volunteers to operate. Set up is Thursday 10am-6pm.

Friday -Wholesale Preview 10am-noon

SHOW HOURS: Friday 9/27 Noon to 6pm
 Saturday 9/28 10am-6pm
 Sunday 9/28 10am-5pm

Admission \$5.00 weekend pass

PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP US OUT!

MORE INFO: see Dana Robinson or call 208-345-3823



Presents the 20th

IDAHO GOURD FESTIVAL

October 26 & 27, 2019

Potomac Manor

7311 W. Potomac Drive, Boise, Idaho

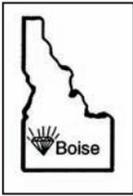
IDAHO GOURD FESTIVAL

OCT. 26TH 9am-5pm OCT. 27TH 10am-4pm
 \$4.00 admission, kids free

Gourd Art Competition, Make and Take for all ages, Gifts, Vendors, Demonstrators, Exhibits and more.

Idaho Gem Club has a 4x6 table where we can sell cabochons of any size, specimen slabs that gourd artists set into gourds, or stones and gems for designs. You may sell your own items or what the club has for workshop fund.

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3rd. Tuesday of every month: 7:30 p.m.

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1st. Tuesday of every month: 7:00 p.m.

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